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SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO IMPRESSED BY POTUS AFTER CAIRO SPEECH
Classified By: COM Jonathan Farrar for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)
¶1. (C) The Government of Cuba has offered no official reaction to President Obama's June 4 speech in Cairo. Former president Fidel Castro, how
¶2. (C) Fidel's latest, lengthy (3,500 words) Reflection focused entirely on the Cairo speech, including pages worth of short excerpts from the
¶3. (SBU) Fidel referred to the second section of the speech on the topics of democracy, religious freedom, and women's rights as the moment wh
¶4. (SBU) The U.S. Interests Section (USINT) posted a video of the speech, a link to the America.gov website covering the speech, and a Spanish